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Identical letters dated 27 March 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to my identical letters of 9 March 2018 addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2018/213), I should like to inform you that a Bahraini fighter aircraft has committed yet another violation of the airspace over the territorial waters of Qatar.

At 1820 hours local time on Sunday, 25 March 2018, a Bahraini fighter aircraft was observed operating at an altitude of 22,000 feet and a speed of 400 knots. The aircraft entered the airspace over the territorial waters of Qatar at coordinates 255841N/0505042E and continued on its way for 2.5 knots. It then proceeded to fly in circles before leaving at 1821 hours at coordinates 255711N/0505000E. The competent Qatari authorities quickly ordered an aerial patrol of that area, and an aircraft was scrambled immediately.

This air violation constitutes a serious and flagrant breach of international law. Moreover, these repeated violations of the sovereignty of Qatar heighten tensions in the region and are being committed without any regard for regional security and stability. Acting on the basis of Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, Qatar once more draws the attention of the Security Council to this serious incident and calls upon the Organization yet again to take the measures required under the Charter to maintain international peace and security, and put an end to the repeated violations committed by Bahrain.

Qatar continues to pursue a policy of self-restraint in response to the irresponsible and provocative actions that have been taken against it, including by Bahrain, and that are aimed at undermining regional security and stability. Qatar strongly condemns and rejects any violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and reserves its full right to respond to any violations, as is its inherent sovereign right. Moreover, Qatar will not hesitate to take the measures required to defend its sovereignty, borders, airspace, maritime space and national security, in accordance with international law and norms.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Alya Ahmed Saif **Al-Thani**
Permanent Representative

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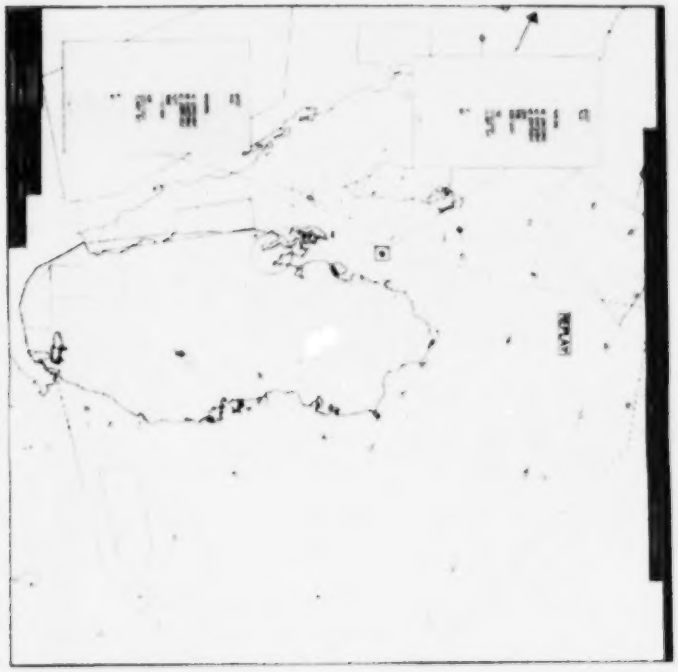

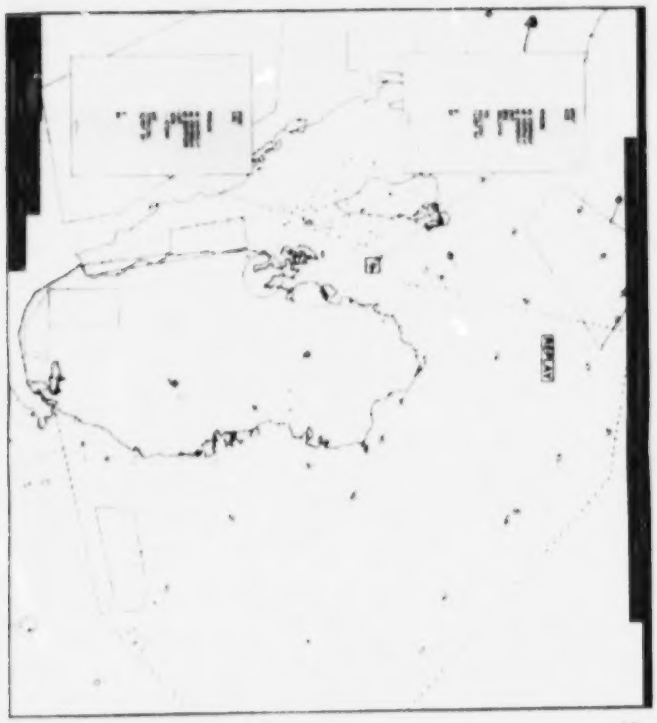
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